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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2005 for the above-referenced application ("subject application"). Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the amendments and remarks presented herein for further examination of the subject application.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 6.

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